

with polypeptide at 90, 30, 10, 3, or 1 mg/ml. The cell suspensions were incubated for 72h at 37°C and 7.5% CO₂. Three days later, one μ Ci of tritiated deoxythymidine ((3H)TdR) (Amersham, Les Ulis, France) was added to each well, for 16h before the cultures were harvested (Skatron, Lierbyen, Norway) and the incorporated radioactivity determined by liquid scintillation (LKB-Wallac, Turku, Finland). Results are expressed as the mean cpm of cell-associated (3H)TdR recovered from wells containing Ag, subtracted by the mean cpm of cell-associated (3H)TdR recovered from wells without Ag (D cpm) (average of triplicates). The results were considered positive when the D cpm is \geq to 1000 cpm and stimulation index > 2 (Fidock et coll., 1994 ; Bottius et coll., 1996 ; BenMohamed et coll., 1997).--

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows:

--14. (Amended) The lipopeptide of Claim 12, wherein the lipopeptide is SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:3.

~~15. (Amended) The method of Claim 9, wherein the lipopeptide is SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:3.--~~

--22. (Amended) The method of Claim 21, wherein the lipopeptide is an antigenic lipopeptide of SEQ ID NO:1.--